

# Friday Bulletin

News from the Alaska State Libraries, Archives & Museums

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## **NEWS FROM THE DIVISION**

### **OWL FLIES WITH \$661,800**

We are pleased to announce that the Online With Libraries (OWL) program has funded at \$681,000. More information about how this impacts the program will be sent out to libraries in the coming weeks, but today we can say:

- We will still provide broadband support for some libraries. If you have a signed MOA with us, you're good to go.

- The videoconferencing network will stay fully functional, so if you've been hesitating about scheduling a video conference, go ahead and schedule it through our [Videoconference Request Form](#). See what videoconferences are coming up by viewing the [OWL videoconference calendar](#).
- Programming will remain available through the [Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration \(CILC\)](#). Libraries should contact Daniel Cornwall at [daniel.cornwall@alaska.gov](mailto:daniel.cornwall@alaska.gov) if they are unsure how to use this resource.

For more about the OWL Program, visit <http://library.alaska.gov/dev/owl.html>.

## **NEW FONT FOR FRIDAY BULLETIN**

With the start of a new fiscal year, we decided to refresh the look of the Friday Bulletin. If you visit the Andrew P. Kashevaroff building in Juneau, you might notice that all of our public signage is in Ideal Sans, a sans serif font. This is part of our branding as a combined library, archives and museum facility and we are pleased to begin using Ideal Sans in the Friday Bulletin header and footers this week with the body to follow after the editor has the font installed.

## **NEWS FROM L.A.M.S IN ALASKA**

### **ALASKANS HONORED FOR WORK IN LITERATURE, LITERACY AND STORYTELLING**

Three Alaskans with a passion for the spoken and written word are the winners of the 2016 Contributions to Literacy in Alaska (CLIA) Awards. Regan Brooks, Kathryn Ohle and Don Rearden will be recognized in a July 12 presentation at the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Alaska Center for the Book, Alaska's liaison with the U.S. Library of Congress Center for the Book, has presented the awards annually since 1993. More than 75 previous winners from across the state include librarians, teachers, writers, tutors, learning programs and others who foster literacy, the literary arts and preservation of language.

Regan Brooks is the founder of Story Works Alaska, an all-volunteer organization that provides storytelling workshops to several Anchorage-area high schools. Storytellers and coaches work with students on skills that transfer to reading, writing and public speaking. Story Works Alaska also encourages connections among students and their communities. A former high school science teacher, Brooks began the program in 2014 with support from Vik Patel of Arctic Entries and teachers Temperance Tinker and Rachel Kittoe of West Anchorage High School; more than 1,000 students have taken part since then.

Kathryn Ohle, PhD, is the recipient of CLIA's Sue Sherif Literacy Award, named for a longtime Alaska librarian pivotal in supporting literacy efforts through the state

library system. Ohle, assistant professor of Early Childhood Education at UAA, spearheaded "Supporting the Preservation of Native Languages and Encouraging Early Literacy with Children's Books." The collaborative project works with United for Literacy, students and families to provide free children's books in Alaska Native languages via a free digital library with translated texts.

Don Rearden was raised in southwest Alaska, which is the setting for much of his writing. He is the author of the award-winning novel "The Raven's Gift," chosen as book of the year for the Anchorage Reads program in 2015. He describes himself as "a screenwriter, a novelist, and when the mood hits, a poet and tundra philosopher." He is also a well-regarded associate professor at UAA and was founding board president of 49 Writers. A former Native Youth Olympics coach, he continues to work with rural Alaska youngsters in video and other writing and suicide prevention programs. His debut work of non-fiction, *Never Quit*, will be published by St. Martins in March 2017.

The CLIA Awards will be presented Tuesday, July 12 in conjunction with UAA's MFA program in Creative Writing. The event is free and open to the public. A dessert reception will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Room 150 in UAA's Arts Building, followed by a brief award presentation at 8 p.m. The audience will then hear readings from two of the MFA program's visiting faculty, Valerie Minor and Jan DeBlieu.

Minor, a novelist and essayist, is an artist-in-residence and professor at Stanford University and the award-winning author of 14 books. Her latest novel, *Traveling with Spirits*, was published by Livingston Press in 2013. Her international collaborative work includes books, museum exhibits, theater and radio.

DeBlieu is the author of four books and many articles and essays. Her third book, *Wind: How the Flow of Air has Shaped Life, Myth, and the Land*, received the John Burroughs Medal for Natural History Writing, the highest national honor in the genre. She is also known for her work in environmental conservation and social justice.

Alaska Center for the Book is a non-profit, all-volunteer board which helps sponsor events across the state, including Reading Rendezvous, Alaska Reads, Poems in Place, Letters About Literature and more. For more information, see our web site at [www.alaskacenterforthebook.org/](http://www.alaskacenterforthebook.org/).

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **EXPLORE JUPITER'S FAMILY SECRETS WITH LUNAR AND PLANETARY INSTITUTE**

The Lunar and Planetary Institute recently sent us a note about their activities connected with the arrival of the Juno probe in the Jupiter system on 7/4/2016:

## **Explore Jupiter's Family Secrets**

*The Juno mission arrives at Jupiter on July 4!* Our fun hands-on activities for Juno are now in a new online format. Activities showcase how Juno will unveil Jupiter's deepest secrets, including clues about how our solar system formed and Jupiter's unique traits.

Activities cover topics such as the solar system's scale, weight on other worlds, weather, magnetic fields, and more!

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